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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Fields et al.)
Serial No. 09/171,432)
Filed: November 23, 1998)
For: ANTIGENICALLY REACTIVE REGIONS OF)
THE HEPATITIS A VIRUS POLYPROTEIN)

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Sir:

This is in response to the Communication dated February 2, 2001, wherein a list of sequences upon which the elected species were readable was required. The Examiner states that the Supplemental Response to Restriction Requirement filed December 15, 2000 electing the species corresponding to sequences similar to a portion of the HAV P2A protein, was not fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 9, 2000 as Applicant did not identify sequences by use of sequence identifiers (SEQ ID NOs).

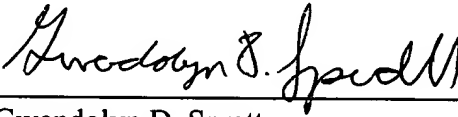
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Applicants submit that sequences listed in Table 5 (SEQ ID NOS:39-46) correspond to the elected species corresponding to sequences similar to a portion of the HAV P2A protein.

A check for \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the One Month Extension of Time fee as provided for under 37 CFR § 1.136(a). No other fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

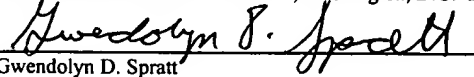
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